Questions and Answers for BAA 06-023

"Single Person Portable, JP-8 Fueled Advanced Power Generation Technology Development and Demonstration"

Dated 8/23/2006

Question 41: Can a different delivery schedule than the one described in the solicitation be proposed. The overall schedule would be the same. We believe that we can perform Phase II in a shorter time frame than what the solicitation indicates; however, we believe that Phase IV may require additional time. Can we move the time saved from Phase II to Phase IV?

Response: Proposals that offer alternative performance timeframes for Phases II – IV will be considered. However, the total estimated period of performance for the 4-phase program should not exceed the total of timeframes for the individual phases indicated in Section II titled "Award Information," paragraph titled "Anticipated Period of Performance for Awards."

Question 42: Can you clarify if the allowable 12-pt. font size is inclusive of text within tables and figures? I.e., if we submitted a table or figure that contained text size smaller than 12-pt Times, would that be considered a violation of the BAA format guidelines?

Response: Text within tables should be 12-pt since a table contains only text. Figures that illustrate something graphically with minimal text may include text that is less than 12-pt; however, it is the Offeror's responsibility to ensure that any text less than 12-pt within a figure can be read easily (See Section IV, Paragraph titled "Full Proposal Format – Volume 1 – Technical and Volume 2 – Cost Proposal).

Question 43: What type of information is required in the "Assertion of Data Rights" section? This appears different than the data rights for SBIRs.

Response: Guidance for what to include in the "Assertion of Data Rights" section can be found in Section IV, Paragraph 2, Section A, subsection "Assertion of Data Rights." The Offeror should list any pre-existing proprietary items (i.e., data, concepts, prototype hardware) and describe whether and/or how the proprietary nature of those items would limit the Offeror's ability to provide the requested deliverables (See Section VI, Paragraph 2 titled "Reporting/Deliverables") to the Government under this program. As indicated in the "Assertion of Data Rights" subsection of the solicitation, additional information can be found in DFARS 252.227-7013 or its alternate or at http://farsite.hill.af.mil/farsite_script.html. Data rights for technologies developed in the SBIR/STTR program would be incorporated into a contract award in accordance with the SBIR/STTR and FAR regulations.

Question 44: Can we receive an extension to submit the proposals after the 28th?

Response: No extensions will be granted at this time. According to the solicitation, the proposals are due no later than 2:00 p.m. on 28 August 2006.

Question 45: Will the Assertion of Data Rights and resumes embedded in the technical proposal cause a problem? These sections are not subject to the page limitations.

Response: According to the solicitation, the cover page, table of contents, assertion of data rights, and resumes are excluded from the page limitation. To avoid confusion, the sections should be clearly labeled and correlate to the table of contents. If a section is not clearly marked, it will be counted.

Question 46: Referring to Section IV, Part 4, last paragraph, "Note: Due to changes" If we send our proposal through Federal Express on Saturday, August 26th for priority overnight delivery for Monday morning, August 28th, will it be held up for delivery due to the changes in security procedures? And if so, would our proposal still be considered for award (not under late submission) if we could provide evidence that it was scheduled for delivery before the due date/time?

Response: According to the solicitation, any proposal, modification, or revision, that is received at the designated Government office after the exact time specified for receipt of proposals is "late" and will not be considered unless it meets the criteria outlined in Section IV, paragraph 4 titled "Submission of Late Proposals". The scenario described in your question does not fall into the exceptions outlined in the solicitation. Your company would have to prove that the proposal was in the Government's possession and not simply scheduled to be delivered.

Question 47: Is there a preference of having a partnership vs. a prime/subcontractor relationship? Section III titled "Eligibility Information" was confusing.

Response: The purpose of Section III titled "Eligibility Information" is to inform potential offerors of acceptable teaming arrangements. The Government does not have a preference as to the business relationship proposed (i.e. partnership or prime/subcontractor relationship). The Government will evaluate the technical proposals against the criteria defined in the solicitation. Therefore, if your company decides to create a "teaming arrangement", only one technical proposal should be submitted for the team.